

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
PUBLIC SESSION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020  
7:00P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Eugene W. Grant (Late Arrival), Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter (Late Arrival), Councilmember Gloria L. Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: C. Reginald Bagley, Acting Director of Economic Development, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Diamond Plater, Council Clerk, Sharron Lipford, Director of Public Engagement, Jeannelle B. Wallace, Chief Operating Officer

**1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The invocation was given by Pastor Covington

**1.1.4. Approval of Agenda**

It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve the Public Session Agenda. The motion carried, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Council.

**1.1.5. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- It was motioned by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the Regular Work Session Meeting minutes for Monday, January 6, 2020. The motion was carried, and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes

for Monday, January 6, 2020. The motion was carried, the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.

- It was motioned by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve the Public Session Meeting minutes for Monday, January 13, 2020. The motion was carried, and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.

## **2. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- PAUL SON, SUPER BEAUTY WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES WITH THE GATES AND IT DID NOT EFFECT THEIR BUSINESS PER SE'. HE FEELS THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO REQUIRE THE BUSINESS TO CHANGE THEIR GATES. THEY WERE PROMISED TO GET REIMBURSED BUT RECEIVED NOTICE THAT THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT. SOME BUSINESSES HAD TAKEN OUT LOANS. THE OTHER ISSUE IS THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND IT AT 15% IT INCLUDES INVENTORY. THE AVERAGE FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND IS 1% AND IT DOES NOT INCLUDE INVENTORY. THE RATE IS ABSURD AND THE RATE MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY BUSINESS TO STAY VIABLE WITHOUT ANY ILLEGAL OPPORTUNITIES. THIS WILL PUSH AWAY ANY BUSINESS THAT IS INTERESTED IN DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY. HE SPOKE WITH HORNING BROTHERS IN ADDISON PLAZA. THEY HAVE THREE OR FOUR VACANCIES AND THEY ARE HAVING A TIME FILLING THE VACANCY. HE SPOKE WITH PLANET FITNESS AND THEIR BILLS ARE \$250,000 PER YEAR.
- STEVEN FRANCO-401 EASTERN AVENUE-DMEA-HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE MAYOR THIS EVENING. HE REQUESTED TO COME TO THE MEETING LAST WEEK AND THE CITY CLERK DECLINED HIS



REQUEST. HE STATED THAT HE SUBMITTED HIS ATTORNEY SUBMITTED A LETTER TO THE CITY CITING 17 VIOLATIONS. THE CITY SHUT DOWN SEVERAL STORES ON DECEMBER 1, 2019. HE STATED THAT WE HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE ATTORNEY. THE PLANET FITNESS FOR \$231,000 OR CLOSE DOWN THE STORE. HE STATED THAT HE HAS INQUIRED IF THE ORDINANCES ARE REVIEWED BY THE ATTORNEY AND HE WAS INFORMED IT WAS. HE FEELS THAT THE CITY NEED FIRE THE ATTORNEY. HE STATED THAT THE TAXES ARE ILLEGAL, AND THE CITY WILL NEED TO REIMBURSE THE BUSINESSES FOR THE LAST 14 YEARS. HE STATED THAT LAST WEEK HE WAS HERE AND MAYOR GRANT WENT OFF THE BUSINESSES THAT DO NOT PAY THEIR TAXES. HE QUOTED A JUDGEMENT ON MAYOR GRANT.

- GARRY A JONES-6303 CAPON ST HAS REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
- JUSTIN DRUMMOUND-PLANET FITNESS STATED THAT EVERY PLACE THEY OPERATE IN THE STATE IN MARYLAND TO OFFER A BETTER JOB AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS TO THE COMMUNITY. HE STATED THAT THE NOTICES ON THE DOOR ARE A DETERRENT TO THE CUSTOMER. HE STATED THAT SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES ARE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB AND HE STATED THAT THEY ARE WILLING STAY AND THEY WANT TO WORK OUT WHATEVER DIFFERENCE THAT PEOPLE ARE HAVING. HE STATED THAT THE CUSTOMERS ARE QUESTIONING THEIR INTEGRITY.
- MS. GLENDA MCCLAIN-SHE HERE BECAUSE SHE USUALLY DO NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT HER NEIGHBORS AND SHE WILL HELP ANYONE REGARDLESS OF RACE. SHE STATED THAT THEY ARE PARTYING UNTIL 5:00AM IN THE MORNING FROM MONDAY-SUNDAY. THEY HAVE CARS ON

THE LAWN AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CITED. SHE STATED THAT THE HOUSE HAS NOT PASSED INSPECTION. SHE STATED THAT IF YOU LOOK ON BALTIC STREET AND THEY HAVE A BIG BOX OF BEER SITTING ON THE STREETS. SHE SWEEPS THE STREET AND CUT THE GRASS FOR HER NEIGHBORS. SHE STATED THAT SOMEONE NEEDS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS.

- GLENN NORRIS-PLANET FITNESS-HE STATED THAT THE TAX RATE OF 15% IS TOO HIGH. HE HAS TRIED TO WORK OUT GETTING THE TAXES DOWN, BUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. HE STATED THAT THE COMPANY AND HE DO NOT WANT TO PAY THE TAXES TO THE CITY. HE STATED THAT THE ATTORNEY WILL BE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020. HE STATED THAT THE ACCURAL RATE IS HIGH AND IT IS A LARGE INCREASE AND HE IS CURIOUS TO SEE THE STATS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING IN SEAT PLEASANT. THE REVENUE SHOWS HIGH IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS
- JAQUITA RILEY-SHE STATED THAT THERE WAS AN AUDIT CONDUCTED BY LINDSEY AND ASSOCIATES.
- CHUNG YANG-MY BEAUTY STATED THAT HE RECEIVED A LETTER STATING THAT THE CITY WILL PAY THE EXPENSE FOR THE GATES. HE STATED HE CONTACTED THAT THE LANDLORD AND CALLED TO SPEAK WITH THE SUPERVISOR. HE STATED THAT HE HAS A LETTER IN HIS STORE. COUNCIL PRESIDENT REQUESTED FOR HIM TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH MRS. WALLACE. HE STATED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW IF THE TAXES ARE ILLEGAL OR NOT, BUT HE HAS STORES IN GREENBELT AND BOWIE AND THE RATE IN THOSE AREAS ARE 1.2%. HE STATED THAT WE NEED TO FOLLOW SIMILAR RATES TO OTHERS. HE STATED THAT NO ONE CAN BE HAPPY IN THIS CITY. HE STATED THAT WE NEED TO FOLLOW COMMON SENSE. HE



STATED ABOUT SEVEN TO EIGHT YEARS AGO HE COMPLAINED TO THE GAS STATION AND THEY SAID THEY PAY THE SAME THING.

- JAMES WRIGHT-500 70TH ST. HE STATED THAT HE WANTED TO INVITE THE CITY IN THE SPRING TO THE 911 CENTER IN BOWIE. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF THE CITY COULD PROVIDE THE TRANSPORTATION TO THE 911 CENTER FOR CPAC AND THE RESIDENTS.

#### **4. LEGISLATION**

##### **4.1. Ordinance O-20-05 Mayor and City Council Salaries Increase.**

Ordinance O-20-05 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on January 6, 2020. It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell, seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve Ordinance O-20-05.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Charl Jones, Hope Love, Kelly Porter, Lamar Maxwell, Reveral L Yeargin, Shireka McCarthy

Abstain: Gloria L Sistrunk

**4.2 Ordinance O-20-08 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget for Decreasing City Revenue and Expenditures.** Ordinance O-20-08 was introduced on February 3, 2020 by the City Council and ready by the City Clerk. It was motioned by Councilmember Lamar Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Hope Love. To approve Ordinance O-20-08.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Charl Jones, Hope Love, Kelly Porter, Lamar Maxwell, Reveral L Yeargin

Abstain: Shireka McCarthy

Not Present at Vote: Gloria L Sistrunk

IT WAS MOTIONED BY COUNCILMEMBER LAMAR MAXWELL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILEMBER CHARL JONES TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR READING ORDINANCE O-20-08 AND PROVIDE THE SUMMARY.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Charl Jones, Gloria L Sistrunk, Hope Love, Kelly Porter, Lamar Maxwell, Reveral L Yeargin, Shireka McCarthy

**4.3 Ordinance O-20-09 Amendment of Chapter 150-Vehicles and Traffic Speed and Red-Light Camera Enforcement Administrative Fees.** Ordinance O-20-09 was introduced on February 3, 2020 and read by the City Clerk. It was Motioned by Councilmember Lamar Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Shireka McCarthy to approve Ordinance O-20-09.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Charl Jones, Gloria L Sistrunk, Hope Love, Kelly Porter, Lamar Maxwell, Reveral L Yeargin, Shireka McCarthy

**4.4 Ordinance O-20-10 Amendment of Chapter 68 Commercial Business District.** Ordinance O-20-10 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on February 3, 2020. It was motioned by Councilmember Kelly Porter and seconded by Councilmember Hope Love to approve Ordinance O-20-10 Amendment of Chapter 68-Commercial Business District for Violations and Penalties.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Charl Jones, Hope Love, Kelly Porter, Lamar Maxwell, Reveral L Yeargin, Shireka McCarthy

No: Gloria L Sistrunk

**4.5 Ordinance O-20-11 Amendment of Chapter 14-Departments and Committee.** Ordinance O-20-11 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk February 3, 2020. It was motioned by Councilmember Hope Love and seconded by Councilmember Lamar Maxwell to approve Ordinance O-20-11.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Charl Jones, Gloria L Sistrunk, Hope Love, Kelly Porter, Lamar Maxwell, Reveral L Yeargin, Shireka McCarthy

**4.6 ordinance O-20-12 Amendment of Chapter 6-Checks.** Ordinance O-20-12 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, February 10, 2020.

**4.7 Resolution R-20-08 Appointment of Seat Pleasant 90th Anniversary Planning Board.** Resolution R-20-08 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, February 10, 2020. It was motioned by Councilmember Lamar Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Char Jones to approve Resolution R-20-08.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Charl Jones, Gloria L Sistrunk, Hope Love, Kelly Porter, Lamar Maxwell, Reveral L Yeargin, Shireka McCarthy



## **5. REPORTS:**

### **5.1. Council President Report**

- Council President Yeargin stated that the monthly reports for January 2020 can be found in Board Docs.

### **5.2. Mayor Eugene W. Grant**

- Mayor Grant greeted the residents, City Council and staff and thanked Reverend Covington for attending the Public Session.
- Mayor Grant stated that he has had discussion with the City Council regarding the Command and Control Center (The Triple CCC) and being more transparent.
- Mayor Grant stated that he wanted to demonstrate the Command and Control Center to the City Council as his report but was having technical difficulties connecting. He will present the Command and Control Center to the City Council next month.

### **5.3. Chief Operating Officer Report-Jeannelle Wallace, Chief Operating Officer Report**

- Mrs. Wallace stated the Citizens Comments received during the last six months by category shows that the citizens provided 24% of compliments, 20% were for Public Works, Public Safety and Security Gates and 16% was for all other categories.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the IT Support shows 31 tickets for the entire government and 31% was due to software/applications, 15% workstation issues, 6% server issues, 6% mobile devices, 2% networking, 4% other electronics, 10% printing issues and 23% permissions/access issues.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the responses to the Citizen Comments from January meeting can be found on Board Docs.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the Police Department had provided a report on the speeding on Crown Street. They did not find any vehicles were speeding over the posted speed limit of 40 MPH.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the Economic Development Department wrote 106 Citations during the month of December.
- Mr. Wallace stated that the City Clerk continues to participate in regional training and conferences which supports her accreditation at the State and Regional level across the US. The City Clerk has collected over one million dollars in Business Personal Property Taxes from local commercial and 19 business out of a total of 102 are in arrears for

Business Personal Property Taxes. They were reported to the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

- Mrs. Wallace stated that the Public Engagement Department provided community support for the Training Source and worked diligently on planning the City's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland Community Festival. They distributed 2,500 surveys in the community and met with sponsors and presented them with Awards and souvenirs.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **6.1. None**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1. None**

## **8 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 8.1. State of the City Address, Monday, February 24, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers-311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 from 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.**
- 8.2 Regular Work & Public Session, Monday, March 2, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 at 6:00p.m. and 7:00p.m.**
- 8.3 National League of Cities-Congressional Cities Conference, Washington, DC from Sunday, March 8, 2020-Wednesday, March 11, 2020**
- 8.4 District 24 Night, Monday, March 9, 2020, Miller Senate Building, Annapolis, MD from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.**
- 8.5 2020 Census Community Courtyard Awareness, Eastern Avenue Apartments, Friday, March 13, 2020 from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.**
- 8.6 2020 Census Community Courtyard, Pleasant Homes Apartments, Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.**
- 8.7 2020 Census Bus Tour throughout the City, Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.**
- 8.8 2020 Census Community Day, Goodwin Park, Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.**
- 8.9 Ward II Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, April 4, 2020, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 10:00a.m.-12:30p.m.**



**8.10 Regular Work Session, Monday, April 6, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 at 6:00p.m.**

**8.11 Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Hearing, Monday, April 13, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 at 6:00p.m.**

**8.12 Constant Yield Hearing, Monday, April 13, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 at 6:30p.m.**

**8.13 Public Session, Monday, April 13, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 at 7:00p.m.**

**8.14 PGCMA Wine & Cheese Event, Thursday, April 16, 2020, Goodwin Park, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD from 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.**

**8.15 Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Hearing, Saturday, April 18, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD from 10:00a.m.-11:30a.m.**


**8.16 Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, April 20, 2020, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.**

**8.17 Black History Fact: "Shirley Chisholm was the first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives. She was elected in 1968 and represented the state of New York. She broke ground again four years later in 1972 when she was the first major party African American candidate and the first female candidate for president of the United States."**

**9. ADJOURN-**

The Public Session meeting adjourned at 8:39p.m.

Submitted by,

  
Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk